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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR AND BUSHNEL FROM SOBER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SA

SUBJECT: REPORTED SAUDI OIL PRODUCTION CUTBACK

REF: JIDDA 5734

1. DEPARTMENT HAS HEARD RUMORS TO EFFECT THAT REDUCED PRODUCTION REPORTED IN REFTEL (AND INDUSTRY MEDIA) IS RESULT OF BASIC STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN GHAWAR FIELD, INCLUDING POSSIBLE SALT INTRUSION, AND THAT THESE PROBLEMS HAVE LED TO MAJOR DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SENIOR ARAMCO MANAGEMENT AND FIELD ENGINEERS. ANOTHER RUMOR HAS IT THAT PETROMIN HAS BECOME VERY UNHAPPY WITH ARAMCO PERFORMANCE IN RESERVOIR MAINTENANCE. FOREGOING FOR YOUR BACKGROUND ONLY.

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2. WE ARE KEEN TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF THE GHAWAR FIELD AND WHETHER THERE ARE INTERNAL ARAMCO AND/OR ARAMCO/PETROMIN DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT; REALIZE THESE ARE SENSITIVE ISSUES FOR ARAMCO. ONE ROUTE MIGHT BE FOR BUSHNELL TO QUERY JUNGERS (AND POSSIBLY OTHER ARAMCO OFFICIALS) USING REFTEL REPORT AS ENTREE, WITHOUT MENTIONING REPORTS

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3. IN RESPONSE PLEASE DROP "STADIS" CAPTION AND DO NOT
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